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SUBJ: UN COMMITTEE OF 24 (C-24) - PUERTO RICO

REFS: (A) USUN 2616; (B) USUN 2558

1. SINCE REPORT IN REFTEL, CUBA'S PERM REP ALARCON HAS TELPHONED C-24 VICE CHAIRMAN VRAALSEN TO SAY THAT HAVANA NOW INSISTING ON SUBMISSION IN C-24 OD DRAFT RESOLUTION ON PUERTO RICO. VRAALSEN SURMISES THAT AUGUST 16 CRITICISM IN C-24 OF U.S. POLICY TOWARD PUERTO RICO BY PETITIONERS FROM ALL THREE OF PUERTO RICO'S POLITICAL GROUPINGS PLUS HAVANA'S ESTIMATE OF A MORE FAVORABLE VOTE COUNT THIS YEAR PROBABLY TIPPED SCALES IN HAVANAA'S DECISION. NOT BE RULED OUT, HOWEVER, IS POSSIBILITY THIS MAY BE CUBAN PLOY TO GET A CONCESSION. VRAALSEN ALSO MENTIONED ALARCON'S EMPHASIS ON "ANTI-CUBAN" SAN JUAN PRESS.

2. PROJECTION OF VOTE ON MOTION TO REJECT COMPETENCE OF C-24 TO CONSIDER PUERTO RICO FOLLOWS: IN FAVOR (9) AUSTRALIA, CHILE, FIJI, INDIA, IRAN, IVORY COAST, NORWAY, TUNISIA, SIERRA LEONE; AGAINST (12) BULGARIA, CHINA, CONFIDENTIAL

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CONGO, CUBA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, ETHIOPIA, IRAQ, MALI, SYRIA, TANZANIA, USSR, YUGOSLAVIA; ABSTAIN (3) AFGHANISTAN, INDIA, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

3. TEXT OF CUBAN DRAFT AS PROVIDED VRAALSEN IS IN FINAL PARA BELOW. VRAALSEN COMMENTED THAT ALARCON HAD INDICATED OPERATIVE PARA 3 MIGHT BE REMOVEABLE. VRAALSEN ALSO OF

OPINION THAT FINAL CLAUSE IN FIRST OPERATIVE PARA MIGHT BE REMOVEABLE. REGARDING OMISSION OF REFERENCE TO U.S. LETTER OF MAY 16, VRAALSEN THOUGHT INSERTION OF REFERENCE COULD BE NEGOTIABLE.

4. TEXT OF CUBAN DRAFT FOLLOWS:

QTE: DRAFT RESOLUTION ON PUERTO RICO (1977)

THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE,

HAVING CONSIDERED THE QUESTION OF PUERTO RICO IN THE LIGHT OF RESOLUTION 1514 (XV) AND OF ITS PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS ON THE ITEM;

TAKING NOTE OF THE REPORT SUBMITTED BY THE RAPPORTEUR, DOC. A/AC.109/L.1191 AND ADDENDUM 1., IN COMPLIANCE WITH LAST YEAR'S DECISION;

HAVING HEARD PETITIONERS FROM PUERTO RICO;

MINDFUL OF THE POSITIONS ADOPTED BY THE V SUMMIT MEETING OF THE NON-ALIGNED NATIONS HELD IN COLOMBO, SRI LANKA IN AUGUST, 1976, AS WELL AS IN THE MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE BUREAU HELD IN NEW DELHI, INDIA 8, -048), 1977 CONCERNING THE QUESTION OF PUERTO RICO;
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1- REAFFIRMS THE INALIENABLE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE OF THE PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 1514 (XV) AND THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE'S RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS OF 1972, 1973 AND 1976 CONCERNING PUERTO RICO; THUS ASSERTING ITS JURISDICTION ON THIS QUESTION;

2- URGES THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF RES 1514 IN ORDER TO ENABLE THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO TO FULLY EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE IN THE MANNER AND THROUGH THE MECHANISMS THAT THEY MAY CHOOSE; AND IN THE MEANWHILE, TO REFRAIN FROM TAKING ANY MEASURE THAT COULD ABRIDGE, WEAKEN OR STEER THE FREE DECISIONS OF THE PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE CONCERNING THEIR POLITICAL STATUS INCLUDING THE EXPLOITATION OF THE MINERAL RESOURCES OF PUERTO RICO.

3- DEMANDS IMMEDIATE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF THE FIVE NATIONAL PATRIOTS HELD IN U.S. PRISONS.

4- DECIDES TO KEEP THE QUESTION UNDER CONTINUOUS REVIEW.

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